

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated 07/09/2004. Claims 1, 5-7, 9, and 10 have been canceled. Claims 2 and 8 have been amended. Claims 11 and 12 have been allowed. Claims 2-4, 8, 11, and 12 remain in the application. Reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

Claims 2-4 and 8 were indicated as being directed to allowable subject matter. Claim 2 has been amended to be in independent form and incorporate all the limitations of the base and intervening claims. The remaining ones of these claims depend from the now independent claims.

Claims 2-4, 8, 11 and 12 now appear to be in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for full allowance, which action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner determine that an interview with the attorney in charge of this case would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues of patentability, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned.

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